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## HISTORY OF RAYMOND

By ELIZABETH KING

### BOUGHT FIRST SACK OF FLOUR

Willard Hobbs was born in England and came to Utah with his parents when he was 7 years old. He lived in Preston, Idaho. He came to Canada in the spring of 1901 and lived in Stirling until the 24th of May and then went to Cardston. He thought it was a better cattle country but he only stayed one winter. In the spring of 1902 he moved to Raymond where he built one of the first houses in the town and later on in the season he built a house in the north of the town. On the 22 of November 1902 my youngest brother Wilford was born. He was the 4th child blessed in the ward.

The next spring Will Hobbs bought a section of land from the Knight Sugar Co. which he farmed until he left the country in 1906. There are five children living, Mrs. Emma L. Peterson, Raymond, Lola Witbeck Long Beach, George Hobbs, Los Angeles, Clarence, Long Beach and Wilford of Dallas Texas.

Twelve years ago when I was in Lethbridge in the hospital Mr. and Mrs. George Green came to see me and during our conversation Mr. Green told me my father bought the first sack of flour that went thru' the mill. He said he told him the next one would be better but father said, no, this one will do. We really had some good times and plenty of pioneer life.

My father passed away in January of 1933. He was 76 years old.  
Mrs. C. D. Peterson

### THE PALMER FAMILY

William M. Palmer was born in Lee County, Iowa, after his family had been driven from Nauvoo by the mob. He was born in a little cabin with a leaky roof and dirt floors which probably belonged to a trapper. His parents made the trip across the plains and settled in Ogden. When a young child he contracted pink eye and was treated by a doctor who put copper-sulphate in his eyes and caused him to go blind. He was blind for seven years and then had his sight restored by the administration of Heber C. Kimball and another Elder. During his blindness his mother taught him the Bible. When he grew to manhood he became a powerful and wonderful preacher. He could still quote chapter after chapter from the Bible that his mother had taught him as a child. A story is told of him that as he grew older and became quite near sighted, that he would often pick up the Bible from the pulpit when he was preaching and read from it upside down. He was called on a mission to what was then the North Western States Mission but what is now the Northern States Mission. He spent eleven years doing missionary work and much of this time he presided over this mission. He married Helen Christine Larson, who was born in Sweden and came to America with her parents when she was three years of age. They lived in Isanti, Minn. and later the Larson's moved to Utah.

She had a family of small children when her husband was away doing missionary work. He travelled without purse or script and she managed to gain a living from the farm for herself and children. After he returned from his mission he spent several years travelling in Utah and Idaho preaching to the young people.

The Palmer family came to Raymond in March, 1902. They landed in Stirling at one a.m. and stayed at the Stirling hotel overnight. Parley, who had come a year before came to Stirling in a democrat and brought the family to Raymond. The wind was there to meet them blowing with its unusual force. The family stayed at the home of Brig Pickett for a few days and the Christopher Nilsson, with Parley's help fixed up two rooms for the family in the new Nilsson home.

Besides William Palmer and wife there were Melvin, Asel, Ada, Marion Leslie, Glen and Arlo. Also Sister Palmer's father and her brother John Larson and Ethel and Roscoe Mrs. Larson and Helen Palmer came in June. If you count the same way as I do that made 76 people, with Parley, Delbert and Jim, who were already here, in two, unfurnished rooms.

One day while they were living here, Asel was sent to get a bucket of water from the barrel for dinner. He was gone so long, that someone else got the water and dinner contin-



ued. When he finally came in and was asked about the delay he told them he had been to Stirling. This seemed a ridiculous fact and when he was quizzed further replied that his hat had blown off and he had to go clear to Stirling before he could retrieve it.

Later brother Palmer bought a farm and the family moved there and lived in a cook shack and a large government army tent. Farming operations started and they began to break the land in preparation for planting the crops when the famous May blizzard struck. It snowed and the wind blew for three days. Of course there were no fences and their forty head of cows and heifers drifted with the wind and snow. One cow who had a young calf stayed at the farm and all the others were lost. After the storm was over they went hunting them and recovered twenty head strong all the way from here to Montana.

The first years wheat crop was very poor but they raised enough wheat for their bread and they raised a good garden.

They built a house in town the first summer that they were here and it was their home for many years.

Helen came up in the summer of 1902. She had been unable to come with the family because she was teaching school. She lived on the farm with the family for two years and then she married John Harding. They had three children Bill, Lola and Helen who was born May 13, 1911. Her mother died four hours later and young Helen was raised by her grandmother Palmer. Lola married Calvin Layton, Bill married Jennie Johnson and Helen married Jesse Attwood. Parley Palmer married Ella LaBaron. They moved to Barnwell after Edwin was born and settled on a farm and it was there that Nellie, Edwin, Ruth, Afton Eldon and Lamarr were born. Afton died when he was a child. Nellie married H. Gibb of Rosemary, Edwin married Loretta Meekes.

Parley took a course in carpentry at the A.C. of Logan Utah and he followed up the building trade most of his life. He was the irrigation master at Barnwell. For many years he was stake chairman of the genealogical committee at Barnwell. Later he moved to Rosemary and at present he is living at Taber with his son Edwin.

Marion came up with the family and in 1906 he married Carrie Lee. For several years he worked for the Knight Sugar Co. and then he moved to Blackie in 1910. While there he worked as ward clerk and with the Boy Scouts. He farmed there and later returned to Raymond. They had eight children Mary, Zelda, Merrill, Maureen, Lee, Gerald, Eva Elaine, Ardell and Mildred who died in infancy. Lee died in Utah in 1937 and Gerald was lost during the war ferrying planes from Ottawa to Patricia Bay, B.C. for the Air Force. In 1941. Later the occupants were found and buried and a karon was raised in their memory.

Delbert and Melvin, both grown young men died in the same year, one in the summer and one in the winter.

Wilford W. Palmer was a steam engineer and worked at his trade for years. He homesteaded at Turin and later came back to Raymond where he spent the remainder of his life. He was killed in a car accident in 1931. Wilford was always kind and generous and gave much of his time and means helping people in need.

Asel, who came with his father, grew to young manhood and finished his high school in Raymond. He was the first president of the M.L.

A. in the second ward. During the years 1913 to 1917 he attended the Logan University where he obtained his degree. In 1916 he married Maydell Cazier. They had four children, Delbert, who married Maybell Johnson, Camille (Mrs. W. Hawkins of Oregon), Aileen, (Mrs. Elton Smith of California), and Byron. Asel taught school in Raymond in 1918 and 1919. He was Stake president of Y.M.M.I.A. from 1919 to 1921 when he moved to Lethbridge and became assistant superintendent of the Experimental Farm. He was also counselor to Hugh B. Brown for 5 years and was Stake president in 1926. He held this position until 1947 when he was released. He is now Superintendent of the Experimental Farm.

The second daughter Ada married Clarence O'Brien in 1908. They had six children, Helen, (Mrs. Evan Sabey), Marie (Mrs. DeVoe Matkin), Delman, who married Martha Sholtz Sylvia, who died in 1917, Nova and Clayton.

Clarence died in June 1922. Ada was left with a family of small children, however she gave much of her time to the Church. She has taught classes in Primary, Religion Class, Sunday school, M.I.A. and Relief Society. She was president of the Primary for six years in the 2nd ward and later worked on the Stake Board for three years.

In 1941 Ada was married to the Ogill.

Leslie grew up with the others on the farm in the summer and came with the family into town and school in the winter. He was president of the deacons quorum, president of the Teachers and secretary of the priests. He filled a mission in the North Western States where his father had labored so many years before. He met many of his fathers converts. When he returned from his mission in 1919 he was made president of the M.I.A. In 1929 he married Florella Love. They have had six children, Leland Love, La Monte, who married Jean Duce Harrison, (Bud), the twins Donna Rae and Mona Rae, and Geraldine

The first boy died in infancy.

In 1924 he was made counselor to Bishop Walker. He held this position until 1941 when he was made Bishop of the Second ward and was bishop until May, 1947 when he was taken into the Stake presidency as second counselor which position he still holds.

Arlo filled a mission to the Eastern States. When he returned he married Zina Heninger. They have had five children Donna Jean (Mrs. Donald McLean), Norma, Arlene, Douglas, and Diana, who died in infancy. Arlo was assistant post office master for several years and then they moved to Wrentham where he was presiding Elder. Later he worked for the Logan Knit and moved to Regina, Saskatchewan and Hamilton. When he returned he settled in Calgary where he was in charge of the Genealogical work. He was made Patriarch of the Lethbridge Stake in 1945, which office he still holds. He has moved to Rosemary where he now lives and operates a farm. (To be continued next week.)

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